

578th Battalion Commander Gets Colonel's Bars

Dallas I. Downs, commanding officer of the 578th Engineer (Combat) Battalion, has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel. Maj. Gen. Daniel H. Hudson, commander of Southern California's 40th Infantry Division, announced this week.

The battalion's headquarters is here in Torrance. Units of the battalion are located in Inglewood, Manhattan Beach and Wilmington.

A graduate of the University of Nevada and a licensed civil engineer, Downs entered the Army in March, 1945 as a second lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers.

During two and one-half years overseas, he was operations officer of the Lore Base Section, and he was engineering construction officer of the Channel Base Section.

The colonel will take his battalion into active federal service with the 40th Division tomorrow.

Scholarship Renewed for Zurschmit

Among scholarship renewal recipients at the University of Southern California for the fall semester was Donald K. Zurschmit, of 1820 Torrance boulevard.

A freshman at SC studying in the School of Engineering, Zurschmit is working for a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering.

In making the announcement, President Fred D. Fagg, Jr., of the University said the scholarships were granted in recognition of outstanding scholastic records and future promise.

A total of 164 students received the scholarships, the total value of which is approximately \$200,000. Sixty-seven were renewals, 97 were new ones.

Tweed Jolly Sells Agency

Sale of his insurance business here in Torrance was announced this week by Tweed Jolly, District agent for the Farmers Insurance Group.

Jolly announced that final arrangements of the sale to William J. Garrity, local agent for Farmers at Ontario, had been completed Monday morning. Effective date of the sale is tomorrow.

A resident of Torrance for two and one-half years, Jolly came here from El Centro where he was an agent for the insurance group.

"I'm going to take a month's vacation," he said. "I'm going up into Oregon where I hope I can shoot a deer."

After his vacation, he said he would look around for another location. He said he might wind up in Oregon or in Texas, he didn't know.

Cutting ties in Torrance, he resigned as president of the Optimist club at its meeting Monday evening. He is also a member of the Toastmaster club.

Last Playground Party Scheduled for Walteria

Walteria Playground's last party-time program is scheduled for this afternoon, according to Lynn Shidler of the Torrance Recreation Department.

Last Tuesday, a talent show featuring playground players was staged at the Walteria recreation building.

Susan and Kathy O'Brien headed the cast of top performers including Dora Cullen, Patay Kantonik, the Baker Sisters, and Sonny Roger.

The show closed with a watermelon feed.

Market Offers New Bill-Paying Plan

Collies Ranch Market at the corner of Torrance and Hawthorne boulevards announced this week that they had been appointed "Bondified" agents for this area.

This new service will enable patrons to buy money orders and pay utility bills at the store according to the market of officials.

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